

2016 National Church Life Survey

Child Survey for 8 to 14 year olds

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Local Church Code

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Today we'd like to ask you some questions about church.

Don't write your name on this survey.

All of your answers are private.

You don't have to do this survey if you don't want to.

Ask your leader if you have any questions.

2016 NCLS
Child
Survey

Put an X in the box next to your answer Please use a pen.

Example: Do you eat fruit?

Yes No



1. How old are you?

- 8 years old 12 years old
 9 years old 13 years old
 10 years old 14 years old
 11 years old

2. Are you a boy or girl?

- Boy Girl

3. Where were you born?

- In Australia
 In another English speaking country
 In a non-English speaking country

4. What sort of school do you go to?

- A public/state school
 A Catholic school
 An Anglican, Lutheran or Uniting Church school
 Another Christian school or church school
 Other independent school (e.g. Steiner, Montessori)
 Home school

5. What kind of church group or activity are you at today?

- Sunday School
 Kids Club
 Youth Group
 A church service or Mass
 Some other kind of church group

6. How often do you do the following things?

	Every week	Most weeks	Some weeks	Hardly ever /Never
Go to church services or Mass	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Go to a separate children's program during church services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Go to a church youth group or kids club	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. How often do you do each of the following things during the school term?

	Every week	Most weeks	Some weeks	Hardly ever /Never
Play in a sports team	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Go to Scouts, Guides, Boys/Girls Brigades	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have lessons outside school time with other children (e.g. swimming, dance, martial arts, Coaching College)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. Have you been to any of these activities or events in the past year?

Youth group	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Not sure	<input type="checkbox"/> No
A church camp or Christian camp	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Not sure	<input type="checkbox"/> No
A Christian concert or show	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Not sure	<input type="checkbox"/> No
A Christian youth event with a speaker	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Not sure	<input type="checkbox"/> No
A public march, protest or rally	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Not sure	<input type="checkbox"/> No

About Your Family and Church

9. Do you feel close to any of these people?

(Cross all the boxes next to the people you feel close to)

- Mum
- Dad
- Grandparents (at least one)
- Brothers and sisters
- Other family adults (e.g. step-parents, aunts, uncles)
- Leaders at this church
- Other children at this church

10. Does anyone in your family do the following things?

Have discussions with you about God or Christian faith Often Sometimes Never

Read the Bible or pray Often Sometimes Never

Ask you what you have learned about at church Often Sometimes Never

Talk with you about doubts or worries about Christian faith Often Sometimes Never

11. Do your parents come to church a lot?

- Yes, mum and dad both come a lot
- Yes, only mum does
- Yes, only dad does
- No

12. Which family members are good examples to you of people who follow Jesus?

(Cross all the boxes that are true)

- Mum
- Dad
- Grandparents (at least one)
- Sisters or brothers
- Other family adults (e.g. step-parents, aunts, uncles)
- None of them
- Not sure

About God and Faith

13. Which of the following statements best reflect your beliefs about God?

- I do not believe there is a God
- I am not sure if God exists
- I firmly believe in the existence of God

14. Do you ever do the following things?

Pray on your own Often Sometimes Never

Read the Bible on your own Often Sometimes Never

Say thank you to God or Jesus Often Sometimes Never

Say sorry to God or Jesus Often Sometimes Never

Ask God or Jesus to help others Often Sometimes Never

Ask God or Jesus to make the world better Often Sometimes Never

Talk to your school friends about God or Jesus Often Sometimes Never

Help raise money for poor people Often Sometimes Never

Do things to help the environment Often Sometimes Never

Read Christian stories or books Often Sometimes Never

Listen to Christian music (outside church) Often Sometimes Never

15. Would you call yourself a Christian?

- Yes
- Not sure
- No

16. Do you know stories from the Bible that help you make good choices in your own life?

- Yes
- Not sure
- No

17. Have you received your first Communion or Lord's Supper?

- Yes
- Not sure
- No

18. Have you been baptised?

- Yes
- Not sure
- No

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Read the next sentences carefully and think, 'Do I agree with it?'

If you Agree Strongly, cross the box 'AS'

If you Agree, cross the box 'A'

If you are Not Certain, cross the box 'NC'

If you Disagree, cross the box 'D'

If you Disagree Strongly, cross the box 'DS'

19. I know that Jesus helps me AS A NC D DS

20. I think going to church is a waste of my time AS A NC D DS

21. God helps me to lead a better life AS A NC D DS

22. God means a lot to me AS A NC D DS

23. Prayer helps me a lot AS A NC D DS

24. I know that Jesus is very close to me AS A NC D DS

25. I think the Bible is helpful to my life AS A NC D DS

About Church Services

These questions are about church worship services or Mass at this church - where the adults also go. You can answer even if you only go to part of the service or Mass.

26. Do you like going to church services or Mass at this church?

- I always like it
- I like it most of the time
- I like it sometimes
- I don't like it

27. When you go to church services or Mass do you:

- Feel God is there? Often Sometimes Never
- Feel bored? Often Sometimes Never
- Feel you are learning more about God? Often Sometimes Never
- Feel you belong? Often Sometimes Never
- Feel happy? Often Sometimes Never
- Feel safe? Often Sometimes Never

Church Groups for Children and Youth

These next questions are about the church groups or activities for children or youth. It might be Sunday School, kids club, or something else.

28. Do you like going to this group for children or youth?

- I always like it
- I like it most of the time
- I like it sometimes
- I don't like it

29. Thinking about this group, what things do you like? What things don't you like?

	YES, I like	I'm not sure	NO, I don't like
Being with people my own age	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Learning about God/teaching time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The leaders here	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Singing and music	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Praying	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Going out together	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Playing games	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

30. When you go to this group do you:

- Feel God is there? Often Sometimes Never
- Feel bored? Often Sometimes Never
- Feel you are learning more about God? Often Sometimes Never
- Feel you belong? Often Sometimes Never
- Feel happy? Often Sometimes Never
- Feel safe? Often Sometimes Never

31. Think about some of the adults in your life who are not part of your family. Which ones are good examples to you of people who follow Jesus?

(Cross all the boxes that are true)

- Sunday School teachers
- Youth leaders
- The minister/pastor/priest at your church
- Other adults at church
- School teacher or other school staff
- Other adults (e.g. sports coach, music teacher or others)
- None of them

About You

32. Everyone has things they are specially good at doing. In this list, what do you think you are good at?

You can put a cross in more than one box in the list.

- Standing up for what is fair and right
- Reading the Bible, praying or singing to God
- Helping lead other children
- Being kind to people who don't have any friends yet
- Performing special items (e.g. singing, dancing, acting in a play)
- Having lots of new and different ideas
- Doing things up the front (e.g. doing readings, prayers etc)
- Talking to other people about God
- Taking care of God's earth

33. How happy are you in each of these areas of your life?

	Very Sad 1	Sad 2	Not Happy or Sad 3	Happy 4	Very Happy 5
How happy are you with your life as a whole?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
How happy are you with yourself?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
How happy are you with your health?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
How happy are you with the things you want to be good at?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
How happy are you about getting on with the people you know?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
How happy are you about the things you have? Like the money you have and the things you own?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
How happy are you about how safe you feel?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
How happy are you with your school?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
How happy are you about doing things away from your home?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
How happy are you about what may happen to you later on in your life?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

About Technology

34. Do you have your own mobile phone (even if it is owned by your parents or someone else)?

- Yes, I have a mobile phone
- No

35. Which of these online social networking sites have you used in the last week?

- Facebook
- Twitter
- Youtube
- Skype
- Instagram
- Snapchat
- None, I have not used any social networking site in the last week
- Don't know

36. In the last month, have you used your computer, tablet or phone to do any of these things?

- Read the Bible (on a screen)
- Listen to people talk about God or Jesus (e.g. podcast)
- Listen to Christian music
- Watch videos about God or Jesus
- Connect with others from this church (e.g. on Facebook)

THANK YOU for doing this survey.

Please hand it back to your leader now.

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